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Title: NANOCOMPOSITE MAGNET AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME	

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and in recognition of their duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office relevant information known to be material to patentability, Applicants herewith submit a copy of the prior art listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449). The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (c), Applicants enclose a Credit Card Form for \$180.00 to pay for the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages.

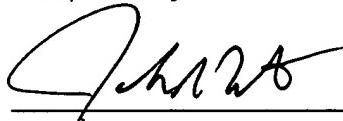
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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed reference be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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